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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Brian Q. Le  
OSAMU YAMADA ET AL. )  
: Art Unit: 2623  
Application No.: 09/420,772 )  
: Filed: October 19, 1999 )  
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND )  
METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM : April 24, 2006

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